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## City of Fremont's Fire Station No. 11 is Now Open

Fire Station No. 11 (the City's first Gold Level LEED Building) is leading the City to a more sustainable future



**Fremont, CA** – January 9, 2015 – On Friday, January 2, 2015 the City of Fremont officially opened Fire Station No. 11. The station was designed to accommodate one Engine Company with three personnel per shift as well as the Hazardous Materials Response Unit. The third bay will house a Reserve Fire Apparatus.

With Fire Station No. 11 now up and running, the Fremont Fire Department is back to full staffing with 11 fire stations located throughout the city to ensure the best possible response times to emergencies. Fire Station No. 11 is located at 47200 Lakeview Blvd., the Bayside area of Fremont's Innovation District.

Fire Station No. 11 began with a schematic design in November 2007. Construction later commenced in July 2009 and was completed in August 2010. However, due to the economic downturn in recent years, the station was unable to open. Given an improved economy, the City has been able to move forward on this vital project and is excited about the facility improvement.

The annual operating cost of the newly opened station will be \$1.7 million. Fire Station No. 11, with a construction cost of \$6.6 million, is approximately 10,375 square feet with three apparatus bays for vehicles. WLC Architects of Folsom, California designed the structure to adhere to guidelines of the Silver Level of compliance of the U.S. Green Building Council but in the end, they were able to achieve Gold Level. The station is constructed of highly durable and energy efficient materials, helping to increase the lifespan of the

building up to 75 years to 100 years, and reduce maintenance costs for the citizens of Fremont. While Fire Station No. 6 in Centerville and Fire Station No. 2 in Niles are both LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Certification) Certified, with the Niles station Silver Certified, Fire Station No. 11 will be the City's first LEED building to achieve the Gold Level of compliance. Additionally, the station was awarded the Gold Award for fire station design in the Career Fire Department category by *Fire Chief* magazine.

"Fire Station No. 11 will enhance the Fremont Fire Department's ability to serve and protect the citizens of Fremont and is a key location in our industrial and commercial area," said Mayor Bill Harrison. "This new addition to our community is just one more step in the right direction as Fremont develops into a more sustainable, strategically urban and modern city."

Specialized spaces in Fire Station No. 11 include an entry lobby, main office, private office for the captain, special project room/workshop, exercise area, and storage for medical supplies and firefighter protective clothing, while household areas include cooking/dining, laundry and dormitory quarters for a total of seven crew members. Additionally, a 300-foot by 60-foot training area traverses the entire lot line to the rear of the fire station. This property was given to the City by Caltrans and is the location for all of the Department's Hazardous Materials training props, which are used as training aides by the Department's Special Operations Task Force.

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